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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Medicaid is an entitlement program that provides
3 healthcare coverage for low income children, adults, adults
4 with disabilities, and seniors; and

5 WHEREAS, Medicaid is jointly funded between the states and
6 the federal government; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal participation to state Medicaid
8 programs is based upon 2 factors - the amount the state spends
9 on Medicaid matchable services and the state's individual
10 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP); and

11 WHEREAS, The FMAP is calculated by the federal government
12 each year through administrative rule, via a formula that
13 considers the average per capita income for that state relative
14 to the national average; and

15 WHEREAS, The FMAP cannot be less than 50% or more than 83%
16 for federal Medicaid reimbursements to states; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois has historically been among the lowest
18 reimbursed FMAP states at the 50% rate; and

19 WHEREAS, Only in 2014 will Illinois receive a slight

1 adjustment to the FMAP rate with an effective reimbursement
2 rate of 50.76%; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois is one of only 22 states with an FMAP
4 less than 54% and only one of 13 states with an FMAP of less
5 than 51%; 7 states have an FMAP rate of 70% or more; and

6 WHEREAS, All of the contiguous states surrounding Illinois
7 have a higher FMAP reimbursement rate for Medicaid - between 5%
8 and 19% higher; and

9 WHEREAS, Other states with low relative FMAP
10 reimbursements include New York, New Jersey, California,
11 Connecticut, Maryland, and Virginia; these states are similar
12 to Illinois with proximity to a large metropolitan area; and

13 WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised that the FMAP formula
14 fails to take into account the total number of Medicaid
15 eligible residents which may live in an area with a large
16 metropolitan area and is slow to reflect current economic
17 conditions present in a state; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we urge the federal government to revisit the formula used to
21 calculate the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage with

1 variables which take into account the total number of low
2 income residents in a state and variables which represent a
3 timely reflection of economic conditions in a state; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.